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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN PURSUES GAS SUPPLIES FROM QATAR, IRAN AND
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- 1.(C) Summary: Bahrain is pursuing a multi-pronged strategy to extend its limited gas reserves and become a regional gas hub. This strategy inc
- 2.(C) During an August 12 meeting, Bahrain's Minister of Oil and Gas Affairs, Dr. Abdul Hussain bin Ali Mirza told Ambassador that Bahrain's gc
- 3.(C) Dr. Mirza said that his ministry hopes the onshore exploration and enhancement efforts will yield an additional 500,000 SCFD within the r
- 4.(C) There has been no movement in gas negotiations with either Qatar or Saudi Arabia. According to Mirza, the Qataris insist that they cannot
- 5.(C) Talks with Saudi Arabia remain stalled as the Saudis have repeatedly said that their gas production is fully committed, and since it is a
- 6.(C) Mirza said his talks with Iran center on concessions for two blocks in the South Pars field, which would be developed independently by a
- 7.(C) In December 2008, Mirza met GAZPROM chairman Alexei Miller in Moscow and signed a letter of intent for GAZPROM to MANAMA 00000483 002 OF
- 8.(C) According to Mirza, the GOB has a larger strategic goal than just meeting the growing demand for gas, and would like to develop Bahrain a